

ESSEX COUNTY

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY : Criminal Case No:
IN NEW ENGLAND :
v. : 100
:
MARY BARKER :

INDICTMENT

The Jurors for our Sov'r Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe sent that Mary Baker of Andvor

In the County of Essex On or about the 29th of August last In the year aforesaid and Divers other days and times as well before and after Certaine detestable arts Called Witchcraft and Sorceries Wickedly Mallitiously and feloniously hath used and practised and Exercised At and in the Towne of Andvor in the County of Essex aforesaid in upon and against one Rose Foster of aforesaid by which said Wicked Acts the said Rose foster the Day and Yeare aforesaid & Divers other Days and times both before and after was and is Tortured Afflicted Consumed Pined Wasted and Tormented. Against the Peace of our Sov'r Lord and Lady the King and Queen theire Crowne and dignity and the forme of the Statutte In that case made & Provided.

Billa Vera
Foreman

The Jurors for our Sovereigne Lord and Lady the King and Queen doe present That Mary Barker of Andover in the County of Essex aforesaid On or about the 29th Day of August last In the Yeare 1692 and divers other Days and times both before and after. Certaine detestable arts called Witchcraft & Sorceries Wickedly feloniously & Mallitiously hath used practiced and Exercised in & upon the Body of Abigaill Martin of Andivor at and within the Township of Andivor aforesaid And at Divers other Days and times as well before and after was and is Tortured afflicted and Tormented consumed pined and wasted, Against the peace of our Sovraign Lord and Lady King and Queen theire Crowne and Dignity and the Statute of the first of King James the first in that Case made and provided.

Billa Vera
Robert Payne
Foreman

ESSEX COUNTY

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY : Criminal Case No:
IN NEW ENGLAND :
v. : 101
: :
WILLIAM BARKER, SR. :

INDICMENT

The Juror for our Sov'r Lord and Lady King & Queen Presents That William Barker Senior of Andivor in the County of Essex aforesaid Husband

Sometime in August last 1692 And Divers and Dayes & times as well before and after Certaine Destable Arts called Witchcrafts & Soceryes Wickedly Mallishously & feloniously hath Used Practised & Exercised at and in the Towne of Andivor in the County of Essex afores'd Upon & against one Abagaiele Martin of Andivor Single Woman By which Wicked Arts the said Abagaile Martin the Day and year afores'd and Divers other Dayes and Times as well before and after, was and is Tortured Afflicted Tormented Consumed Pined & wasted ag't the Peace of Sov'r Lord & Lady the King and Queen their Crowne and Dignity & the Lawes in that case made & Provided:

Witnesses: Rode foster
Matha Tyler

Robert Payne foreman

The Jurors for our Sov'r Lord & lady the King & Queen pr'sent that William barker Senior of Andivor In the County of Essex aforsd

Husbandman About Three Years past in the Towneship of Andivo'r afores'd Wickedly, Mallitiously & feloniously a Covenant with the Devill did Make, And did Signe the Devills Booke with Blood, & gave himselfe Soule & body to the Devill, By Which Wicked & diabolicall Covenant with the Devil made in the maner & forme Aforesaid The Said William Barker is become A [A] detestable Witch Against the peace of o'r Sover' Lord & Lady the King & Queen their Crowne & dignity & the Laws in that Case made & provided,

Billa vera Robert Payne foreman

ESSEX COUNTY

PROVINCE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY :	Criminal Case No:
IN NEW ENGLAND :	
v. :	102
WILLIAM BARKER, JR. :	

INDICMENT

The Jurors for o'r Sov'r lord and Lady the King & Queen pr'sents that William Barker junior of Andver in the County of Essex of aforesaid sometime in the month of August last in the yeare 1692 afors'd Wickedly Mallitiously & feloniously a Covenant with the Devill did make & Signed the Devills Booke and by the Devill was Baptized & before him Renowned his form'r Baptisme & Promised to be the Devills for ever and ever By which wicked & Diabollicall Covenant the Said William Barker is become a Detestable Witch Against the Peace of o'r So'r lord & Lady the King & Queen their Crowne & Dignity And the laws in that Case made & provided.

Billa Vera
Robert Payne
Foreman

The Jurors for our Souvereigne Lord and Lady the King & Queen Presents That William barker Junior of Andiver in the County of Essex aforesaid Sometime in the Moneth of August in the Yeare 1692 aforesaid And Divers other Dayes & times as well before as after Certaine Destable Arts called Witchcrafts & Sorceries: Wickedly Mallishiously & feloniously hath used Practised & Exercised at &: in the Towne of Salem in the Counth of Essex aforesaid upon and against one Martha Sprague Allias Martha Tyler by which wicked artes the said Martha Sprague Alli Tyles the Day and Year aforesaid and Divers other dayes & times as well before as after was & is Tourtered Afflicted Tormented Pined & Wasted against the Peace of our Sovereigne Lord 7 Lady the King & Queen their Crowne & Dignity and the Lawes in that Case made & Provided.

Billa Vers
Robert Payne foreman

(Examination of Mary Barker)

1st Paper

29 August 1692 Before Maj'r Gidney Mr. Hawthorn and Mr. Corwin The Examination and Confession of Mary Barker of Andover. After severall questions propounded and negative answ'rs Returned she at last acknowledged that Goody Johnson made her a witch, And sometime last sumer she made a red mark in the devils book with the fore finger of her Left hand, And the Devil would have her hurt Martha Sprague, Rose Foster and Abigail martin which she did upon saturday and sabath Day last, she said she was not above a quarter of an hour in comeing down from Andover to Salem: to afflict, she sayes she afflicted the above three persons by squeezing her hands. She confesses she was at the witch meeting at Salem Village with her unkle, there was a great many there, and of her company there was only her unkle, Wm. Barker and Mary Marston. Martha Sprague said that Mary Barkers apparition told that she was Baptisied at five myle pond.

said Mary Barker said there was such aload & weight at her stom- ach that hindered her from speaking. And is afrayd she has given up herself soul and body to the Devil. she sayes she promised to serve worship and believe in him and he promesed to perdone her sins, but finds he has [dowtbed] her, and that she was Lost of God and all good people, That Goody Johnson and Goody falkner appeared at the same tyme and threatened to teare her in peeces if she did not doo what she then did. she further Sayth that she has seen no appearance since but a fly which did speake to her, and bid her afflict these poor creatures. which she did by pinching with, and Clincheing of her hands for which she is sorry And further the Devil told her it would be very brave and clever for her to come down here to Salem among these accused persones. And that she should never be brought out. She promises to confess what more she shall hereafter remember.

Mary Barker Signed and owned the above said Examination & Confession	THE MARKE of Mary Barker
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/17 Sep't 1692 before me

**John Higginson, Jus'e peace
(Suffolk Court Records Case No. 2678 Page 9)*

(Examination of Mary Barker, Second Version)

29th August 1692 -- Before Maj^r Gidny Mr Hathorne Mr Corwin The Examination And Confession of Mary Barker of Andivor -- after Several Questions Propounded & Neegative ans'rs Returned She at last acknowledged that Goody Johnson made her a witch & that Some time last Sumer She made a Red Mark in the Divels book wth the fore finger of her left hand & the Divel would have her hurt Martha Sprage Rose foster & Abigall Martin w^{ch} She did on Satterday & Sabbath day last She Said She was not above a Quart'r of an hour a Coming Dwone from Andivor to Salem to afflict She S^d She afflicted the above S^d 3 persons by Squezing her hands She Confesses She was at the Witch Metting at Salem Village wth her unkle, there was a grate many there & of her Company was only her unkle W^m Barker & Mary Marston -- Martha Sprage S^d that Mary Barkers apperition told that She was baptized at 5 Mile pond -- S^d Mary Barker S^d ther was Such a load & weight at her Stomack that Hindred her from Speaking & is afrayd She has Given up her Self Soul & body to the Divel She Says She promised to Serve worship & beleive in him & he promised to pardon her Sins but finds he has deceived her & that She was left of god & all good people & that Goody Johnson & Goody falkner apeared at the Same time & threatned to tear her in peices if she did not doe what She then did

She further Said that She had Seen no aperance Since but a fly w^{ch} did Speak to her & bid her afflict those poor Creaturs w^{ch} She did by pinching With Clinching of her hands for w^{ch} She is Sorry -- & further the Divel told her it would be very brave & Cliver for her to Come Dwone to Salem among those acused persons & that She Should Never be brought out She promised to Confese what more She Shall hereafter Rememb'r

Mary Barker Signed & owned the abovesaid Examination & confession before me

**Jno Higginson Justice
of Peace*

17th Sept.
1692
The Marke
of
Mary Barker

(*Miscellaneous Papers -- Essex Institute, Salem No. 8*)

(Examination of William Barker, Jr.)

1 Sep'r 92 Before Maj'r Gidney Mr Hathorne Mr Corwin Jno Higgin-
son Esq'r

The Exam & Confes'on
of Wm

Barker Jun'r aged 14 Yeares or
their about He is accused for Exercising acts of Witchcraft Upon
the bodyes of Martha Sprauge Rosse fostter & abigall Martin w'ch
he did not deny but Could Not Rememb'r It -- He Confesses now
that he hath not been in the Snare of the Divel above Six # [Years]
days, that as he was Goeing into the Woods one Evening to louk
after Cows he Saw the Shape of a black dog w'ch looked Verry
fercly Upon him & he was much disturbed in his Mind about it
& Could not Sleep Well that Night & betimes Next Morning he Mett
w'th a black Man(he Calls him a black man because he had black
Cloaths & thinks he had a black Skin) Who bid him Sett his hand to
his book & Serve him as long as he the s'd Barker lived w'ch he pro-
mised And theirupon Sett His hand to this book by putting his
fing'r Thereon he Saith the black man brought Red Stuf among w'th
him in an Inkorn & he the S'd Barker dipt his finger into it and ther
w'th Made a Red Mark on the paper He Confesses he was to doe any
Servis the black man appointed him # [to doe] & was to have Suite
of Cloaths for it he S'd further the black man would have him bapt-
ized but he Never was -- he Saith further that goode Parker went
w'th him last Night to Afflict Martha Sprauge & that he afflicts by
Clinching his hands together he Saith he Now is Sorry & hates the
Divel but yett Struck dwon the afflicted w'th his Eyes -- and Martha
Sprauge being Recovered out of a fitt S'd that barkers apperition
& Goode Parker rod upon a pole & was baptized at 5 Mile pond -- He
Now Says there was Such a load Upon his Stomach that he Could
Not Speak a little affter he owned he was baptized by the black man
at 5 Mile pond & Renounced his former baptizime he Knows Goode
parker to be a witch & Says the Divel dipt his head into the Watter
& Spook these words that he the S'd Barker was his for Ever & Ever
He S'd he Could not think of his baptizime before & that the Load
that was Up[on] his Stomach Is not Soe heavy as it was Just now He
Stil afflicted Martha Sprauge & Shut her Mouth but by laying his
hand Theron opened [it] again -- and after wards Confessed that
there ware of his Compa' Goode parker Goode JohnSon Sam'll
Wardwel his wife & two Daughters & then Could take the afflicted
p'rsons by the Hand w'th out doeing them any harm

Wm Barker Jun'r Signed & owned
the above's'd Exam
& Confession
before Me

**John Higginson Just'e peace*

The Marke

of
Wm.
Barker Jun

(Miscellaneous Papers -- Essex Institute, Salem No. 3)

(Examination of William Barker, Jr., Second Version)

2nd Paper

Sept. 12 Before Maj'r Gidney Mr Hawthorn Mr Corwin & Cap't
Higginsone

The Examination and Confession of W'm Barker aged 14 yeares or
thereabout

He is accused for exerciseing acts of witchcraft upon the bodyes
of Martha Sprague Rose foster and Abigail Martin, which he did not
deny but could not remember it.

He confesses now that he hath not been in the snare of the Devil
above six Dayes, That as he was goeing in the woods one evening
to look after coves he sene the shape of a black Dog which looked
very fiercely upon him And he was much disturbed in his mynd
about it and could not sleep well that night. And betymes next
morneing he mett with a black man (he calls him a black man be-
cause he had black cloaths and thinks he had a black skin) who
bid him set his hand to a book and serve him as long as he the said
Barker Lived, which he promised And thereupon set his hand to the
book by putting his finger thereon, He saith the black man brought
red stuff along with him in an Inkhorn And he the said Barker dipt
his finger into it and therewith made a red mark on the paper He
confesses he was to doe any Service the black man appoynted him
and was to have a sute of cloaths for it, he said further the black
man would have him baptised but he never was.

He saith further that Goody Parker went with him last night to
afflict Martha Sprague, and that he afflicts by clinching his hands to-
gether . He now saith he is sorry & hates the Devill but yet struck
down the afflicted with his eyes, And Martha Sprague being re-
covered out of a fitt said that Barkers apparition and Goody Parker
rid upon a pole and was baptized at five myle pond He now sayes
there was such aload upon his stomach that he could not speak,

a little after he owned he was baptised by the black man at five
myle pond and did also renounce his former baptisme, he knowes
Goody Parker to be a witch and sayes the Devil Dipt his head into
the water and spoke these words that he the said Barker was his
for ever and ever

He said he could not think of his baptisme before, And that the load that was upon his stomach is not so heavy as it was but just before

He still afflicted Martha Sprague & Shut her mouth but by layeing his hand thereon opened it again -- and afterwards confessed that there were of his Company Goody Parker Goody Johnson Samuel Wardwell & his wife and two Daughters. And then could take the afflicted persons by the hand without Doeing them any harme. --

W'm Barker Jun'r Signed
& owned the abovesaid
Examination & Confession. --
before me

**John Higginson*
Just peace:

The Marke
of
William Barker
Jun'r

(Reverse) Confession of William Barker Jun'r
acused Goody Parker
Goody Johnson
Sam'l Wardell
his wife
& 2 Daughters

afflicted
Martha Sprague

(*Suffolk Court Records Case No. 2761 Page 102*)

(Examination of William Barker, Sr.)

29. agust. 92.

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Maj'r Gidney

Mr. hathorn

Mr. Corwin

Capt higginson

William Barker of Andovers examination
& confession

He confesses he has been in the snare of the devil three years, that the devil first appeared to him lyke a black man and perceived he had a cloven foot, That the devil demanded of him to give up himself soul & Body unto him, which he promised to doe. He said he had a great family, the world went hard with him and was willing to pay every man his own, And the devil told him he would pay all his debts and he should live comfortably -- He confesses he has afflicted Sprague foster and martin, his three accusers. That he did syne the devils book with blood brought to him in a thing lyke an Inkhorn that he dip't his fingers there in and made a blott in the book which was a confirmation of the Covenant with the devil.

He confesses he was at a meeting of witches at Salem Village where he judges there was about a hundred of them, that the meeting was upon a green peece of ground neare the ministers house, He said they mett there to destroy that place by reason of the peoples being divided & their differing with their ministers

Satans design was to set up his own worship, abolish all the churches in the land, to fall next upon Salem and soe goe through the countrey, He sayth the devil promised that all his people should live bravely that all persones should be equall; that their should be no day of resurection or of judgement, and neither punishment nor shame for sin -- He sayth there was a Sacrament at that meeting, there was also bread & wyne Mr. Burse was a ringleader in that meeting and name several persones that were there at the meeting, It was proposed at the meeting to make as many witches as they could, and they were all by Mr. Burse and the black man exhorted to pull down the Kingdome of christ and set up the kingdome of the devil, He said he knew Mr. Burroughs and Goody How to be such persones, And that he heard a trumpet sounded at the meeting and thinks it

was Burse that did it, the sound is heard many myles off and then they all come one after another -- In the spring of the yeare the witches came from Connecticut to afflict at Salem Village but now they have left it off And that he has been informed by some of the grandees that there is about 307 witches in the country, -- He sayth the witches are much disturbed with the afflicted persones because they are discovered by them, They curse the judges Because their Society is brought under, They wold have the afflicted persones counted as witches but he thinks the afflicted persones are Innocent & that they doe god good service And that he has not known or heard of one innocent persone taken up & put in prisone -- He saith he is heartily sorry for what he has done and for hurting the afflicted persones his accusers, prayes their forgiveness, desyres pray'rs for himself, promises to renounce the devil and all his works, And then he could take them all by the hand without any harme by his eye or any otherwise --

5. 7: 92 the aboveSaid is the Truth as wittnese my hand:

**William Barker*

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(Reverse) At a court of Oyer & Terminer held at Salem Sep'r 16. 92:
Owned in Court at Salem Sept'r 16. 1692

Attest * St Sewall

*William Barker

(*Massachusetts Archives Vol. 135 No. 39*)

(Examination of William Barker, Sr., Second Version)

29 August 1692 . W^m Barker Sen'r of Andivers Examination
& Confession

Before Maj'r Gidney Mr. Hathorne Mr. Corwin Jno Higginson Esq'r --
He Confesses he has been in the Snare of the Divel [at] Three
Years that the first appeared to Him in the Shape of a black man
& perceived he had a Cloven foott that the Divel deman'd of him to
give up himself Soul & body to him w'ch he promised to doe he
Said he had a greate family the world went hard w'th him & was
willing to pay Every Man his owne & the Divel told him he would
pay all his Debts & he Should live Comfortably -- He Confesses
he has afflicted Sprauge fostter & Martin his three akusers that he
did Sign the Divel book w'th blood brought to him in a thing like
an Inkhorn that he dipt his finger therein and made a bloot in the
book w'ch was a Confermation of a Covenant made w'th the divel --
He Confesses he was at a metting of the witches at Salem Village
where he Judges there was about a hundred of them that the meet-
ing was upon a green peice of ground Near the Ministers house he
Says they Meet their to destroy that place by reason of the peoples
being devided & their differing w'th there Ministers -- Satans desire
was to Sett up his own worship, abolish all the Churches in the land
to fall next upon Salem & Soe goe through the Country he Saith
the Divel promised al his people should live Bravelly that al persons
Should be Equal that their Should be no day of resurection or
Judgment And Nither Punishment nor Shame for Sin -- he Saith
their was a Sacrement at the Metting there was also bread & wine Mr
Burse was a Ring Leader in that Metting & named several persons
that Ware there at the Metting It was proposed at the Metting to
make as Many witches as they Could & they were al by Mr. Burse
& the black Man Exhorted to pull dwone ye Kingdom of Christ
& Sett Up the Kingdome of the Divel, He S'd he knew Mr. Burroughs
& Goody How to be such persons & that he heard a trumpet Sounded
at the Metting & thinks it was Burse that did it the Sound is heard
Many Miles of and then they all Come one after another -- In the
Spring of the Year the witches Came from Connecticut to afflict at
Salem Village butt now they have left it of, & that he has been In-
formed by Some of the Grandees that there is @ 307 witches in
the Country -- He Saith the witches are much disturbed w'th the
afflicted persons because they are Discovered by th'm, they Curse
the Judges because their Society is brought under they would have
the afflicted persons Counted as witches but he thinks the afflicted
persons are Inocent & that they doe god good Service & that he has

not knowne or heard of one Inocent person taken up And putt in
prison -- he Saith he is hartly Sorry for W't he has done & for
hurting the afflicted persons his accusers, prays there forgivenes,
desire prayers for him Self promises to Renounce the Divil & al
his works & then he could take them all by the hand w'thout any
harne by his Eye or otherwise -- the above S'd is the truth as witt-
nesse my hand --

**William Barker*

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(*Miscellaneous Papers -- Essex Institute, Salem No. 9*)